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## THAT LAMAR WILLIAMS AFFAIR.

### What the State Papers Say About That Congressional Circus.

Why not lock Williams and Lamar in a small room and let 'em have it out in private? Surely the public would be better off. —St. Lucie Tribune.

Whatever may be thought of Mr. Lamar's taste and discretion in airing a partisan and personal difference on the floor of the house, he has given the editors a chance to say what they think of Mr. Williams as a party leader, of which a good many are taking solemn advantage. —Tampa Times.

The four great men of America to day are Theodore Roosevelt, W. J. Bryan, William T. Harris and Tom. Lawson—Florida School Exponent. And no mention is made of John Temple Graves, William Randolph Hearst, John Sharpe Williams or William Bailey Lamar. —Ocala Banner.

The Congressman from the first district, Hon. W. B. Lamar, is trying to make notoriety for himself in Washington, by airing his feelings against minority leader Williams. This is about the last showing Congressman Lamar will get. —Arcadia News.

Some of the newspapers refer to him as "Bill Lamar." It perhaps makes no difference to the Florida Congressman if he is called "Billie" by the elder men, "William" by the elder ladies, "Willie" by the girls, or "Bill" by the boys, as long as he can keep his political fences in repair. —Apalachicola Times.

Among the egotistical freaks of modern times may be justly classed Billy Lamar, Congressman from the Third District of Florida. He had the temerity to "buck up" against John Sharp Williams, leader of the Democrats in Congress, last week, and Billy was sat down on so hard that his half million dollar wife could hardly recognize him. —Citrus County Chronicle.

Most Floridians will no doubt prefer the method adopted by Hon. Frank Clark for coming into prominence in Congress, namely, the introduction of the Arizona Statehood bill, rather than the questionable one of Hon. W. B. Lamar, the stirring up of "family troubles" in the Democratic ranks. —St. Augustine Record.

The Savannah News makes the point that as a matter of fact Congressman Lamar, of this State, was not slighted by John Sharp Williams, but was actually promoted. He was left off the Committee on Commerce but was made a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, which is more important than the other committee. —Live Oak Democrat.

The Tallahassee True Democrat, published in Mr. Lamar's district sizes Mr. Lamar about as correctly as does Mr. Williams, when it stated: "Congressman W. B. Lamar, of this Congressional District, having been left off of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, had quite a tilt with minority Leader Williams at the session of Congress on the 10th, and during the confusion which followed the tilt, Mr. Lamar shouted: 'Mr. speaker, he went to the newspapers with it.' Now, who goes into the newspapers more than does our W. B. Lamar, when he wishes Floridians to know what great things he has done, or is going to do? Oh! that vain little darling of ours." —Palatka News.

The papers generally are taking great interest in the Williams-Lamar controversy in regard to Mr. Lamar being dropped from some of the committees on which he served at previous terms. It is only proper that the papers of Florida should keep their readers posted in regard to this affair, as at the next summer primaries Colonel Lamar will get a rousing majority if he is right but if it should develop, we hope it will not, however, that he is in the wrong, and is unfit for the position on the committee, it is the duty of the voters to see to it that he is defeated. It would certainly afford us great pleasure to see one of Florida's Representatives in Congress win out in a big controversy where he had such a powerful opponent as Mr. Lamar had in this case. We will try to give our readers an article from Washington in regard to the true status of this controversy. —Bristol Bee.

Anent the Hon. "Bill" Lamar. He has written to the Tallahassee Capital a full page letter explaining what is termed "his side of the divergent view on national questions of himself and John Sharp Williams." But the letter starts with a false premise as follows: "The minority leader in the house of representatives in Washington, John Sharp Williams, has removed Hon. D. W. Shackelford of Missouri and myself, from the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. This is one of the important committees of the House, it having charge of legislation looking to the control of railway corporations in the interest of the people." Mr. Lamar does not state the case fairly. He was not removed. There was no such committee of the present congress. One was appointed and other Democrats than Messrs. Shackelford and Lamar were named. It is possible they were not as good and brilliant Democrats

as the complainants, but Mr. Williams and the vast majority of the Democratic side thought they were better and what they think goes. What Mr. Lamar should have said is that "Mr. Williams refused to recommend Mr. Shackelford and myself to the Speaker for appointment. It is one of the most important committees of the House and should have been made up in its minority membership of the real leaders of democratic party sentiment in the country, like MYSELF and Mr. Shackelford." But even then Mr. Lamar would not have been better understood in the urban precincts of his home State. —Palatka News.

### "Character Above Riches."

E. B., in the Times-Union, pays the following beautiful tribute to a good man. While we were not personally acquainted with McEachern, we reproduce it, that it may be an inspiration to many of our young men:

Hugh McEachern has passed away and his place will be hard to fill. He struggled long and hard with the grim scytheman, but the end came peacefully. He died with a sweet smile that was chiselled on his countenance by the hand of death. For it was not that he feared to die, but that he might live to do good, that he might serve his God, his country and his friends was the hope that buoyed him up through the last great struggle. Few men have so quickly made their impress on a great State in so short time as H. A. McEachern. Few men will ever be more sorely missed by a great industry. His was a unique character. He filled a niche peculiarly his own.

With a keen insight into the hearts of men he saw and derived their purposes. He possessed many of the attributes that have been ascribed to Abraham Lincoln—he knew and felt for the common people. Of poor but proud parentage, he was of Scotch descent; he was born in North Carolina, but lived most of his life in Georgia. As a boy he was fired with lofty ambition to become a financier, but success did not spoil him. His aim was ever to be right and to do good. With him character was above riches, "a good name worth more than fine gold."

He exemplified the highest type of American citizenship in living as well as professing a Christian manhood. It was in Florida he rounded out to best advantage the superior quality of his intellect, and character. It was here he achieved his most signal success, and so at his request they have buried him in Florida soil, where the last trump may find him faithful to the people he loved and who loved him. But while the great heart is stilled, the strong arm is stricken down, the active brain has ceased its labor, and the places that knew him shall know him no more, may we not feel assured that his life and example will strive on and on, guiding and inspiring to a purpose of high resolve? Our hearts go out to the loved ones on this sad Christmas, but as they think of the old year with its trials of grief or sorrow, let us say that from this life and example we do gather hope and courage. We catch inspiration to holier and better things. For as time rolls on the influence of such a life is never lost, but brightens on even unto the perfect day.

### Huge Task.

It was a huge task to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease as that of C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone I could not sit on a chair without a cushion, and suffered from dreadful backache, headache and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by all druggists; price 50c."

### Brotherly Love.

A contemporary newspaper expresses its surprise at the spectacle of both Jews and Gentiles giving to the relief fund of the suffering and oppressed Jews in Russia. There is nothing strange about it. Real brotherly love is broader than mere sectarianism. The fraternal societies have been teaching this principle too long and too earnestly not to have it bear fruit at such a time as this. Brotherly love knows neither race nor creed, and there yet seems to be a whole lot of the real thing in this world. The person who does not sympathize with those oppressed Russian Jews must have a heart of adamant. Russia is not sowing the wind for some other people to reap the whirlwind. Cyclones, big and black, are brewing for that benighted land. Every true American who appreciates the character of Judas Maccabeus, the Jew, will grieve at the suffering of his people—and possibly aid them with a few things of comfort.

### Cured Paralysis.

W. F. Baily, P. O. True, Texas, writes: "My wife had been suffering five years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Liniment, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frost bites and skin eruptions. It does the work." For sale by all druggists.

## CLEANINGS FROM THE STATE PAPERS

### Clipping and Comment on Several Interesting Topics.

James W. Perkins, the deposed county solicitor by Broward, is stronger politically with the Democratic party of Volusia than he has ever been. —Volusia Record.

If "Jeems" Alexander did not figure in those election cases in Volusia county it would be much easier for the people of Florida to take the matter with some degree of seriousness. —Tropical Sun.

We don't believe that Governor Broward would make a very big mistake if he would remove half a dozen more office-holders of Volusia county, but he will err in his appointments if he does not look further for his man than either of the ring leaders of the political factions of that county. —The Florida Advocate.

If Governor Broward, in the suspension of County Solicitor Perkins from office, and filling the vacancy by appointment, is desirous of building up a faction in this county, why he has made a most unfortunate and deplorable beginning—a beginning that will be an increased taxation upon the people of the county. —Volusia Record.

When Governor Broward was sheriff of Duval county he was removed from office by Governor Mitchell and he and his friends had a good deal to say about it, and the good old Governor was denounced as a despot. Now Governor Broward has removed the solicitor of Volusia county from office without notice and the solicitor and his friends are calling the Governor very ugly names. They say he is more of a despot than Mitchell without any of his redeeming qualities. —Ocala Banner.

Fun by the barrel! Down in Volusia county they are having fun by the barrel. Upon complaint of some of the politicians of that county Governor Broward recently suspended J. W. Perkins, county solicitor, from office and appointed J. Hall Brumsey in his place. Before Mr. Brumsey could get the seat warm he was arrested on a charge of drawing a check on a bank without having funds enough therein to pay it. It is a bad state of affairs when courts are appealed to for the purpose of gratifying personal spite. —Jasper News.

A bad political mess. Volusia county is suffering from a complication of internal disorders, caused by an acute attack of factional politics. J. W. Perkins, the county solicitor, was removed by Governor Broward, at the instance of one of the county's factions, non-performance of duty being the charge. The Governor appointed J. Hall Brumsey, a young lawyer of DeLand, to the position, but the day after his appointment he was arrested on the charge of giving a worthless check. Personal spite and factional bitterness seem to be working overtime in Volusia. —Palatka News.

The removal by the Governor of J. W. Perkins, of DeLand, as solicitor of the Volusia criminal court, for alleged neglect of duties, and without giving the deposed officer a hearing, has caused some bitter comment directed against Governor Broward, not only in Volusia county, but in all parts of the State. Governor Broward appointed to the vacancy one J. Hall Brumsey, a young clientless lawyer of DeLand, and three or four days after his appointment Brumsey was arrested, charged with passing checks without funds in the bank, which, under the law of 1905, is a felony, punishable by not more than ten years in the penitentiary. The charge is made by Mr. Schmidt, proprietor of the Schmidt Villa, at Daytona. He claims that the Brumsey check was for more than the amount of his board bill and that he (Schmidt) gave Brumsey the difference in cash. It has been suggested that there is politics in the charge, but all who know Mr. Schmidt will know just how little credence to place in such a story. Mr. Perkins, the deposed solicitor, was elected to his office by a vote which ran far and away beyond any other candidate on the ticket. He was the people's choice for the office, and the Governor has certainly taken a high-handed course in removing him, particularly on complaint of Jeems Alexander, and without so much as giving Mr. Perkins a hearing. If Governor Broward is to be such a stickler for purity in elections, he had better turn in the direction of Taylor and Lafayette counties, by power of the fraudulent primary votes in which counties it is generally understood he was enabled to assume his own high office. —Palatka News.

We have not been able to make up our mind that in Governor Broward's widely quoted words that certain newspapers were selling their editorials for so much an inch he had reference to any reputable journal in Florida. When he said those words the Governor was attempting to justify the motives and methods of the Board of Pardoners, and as he didn't call names and consequently incurred no risk, it was a cheap and easy way to lift that much of the burden of public condemnation from the Board of Pardoners. The Governor's reckless charge is entitled to no consideration, for it is supported by no testimony and we have no reason to believe that there is a trace of truth in it. The Board of Pardoners has been criticised because honest newspaper men, concerned for the cause of law and order in Florida and the punishment of crime, believed that board was not pursuing the right policy in so often obstructing the course of justice by extending clemency to convicted criminals. That is all there is to it. —Live Oak Democrat.

Let's all keep cool! We see no reason why any newspaper not guilty as charged should get excited over Governor Broward's claim that the State is afflicted with a few editors who sell editorial space at so much an inch. The Governor doubtless had excellent grounds for the statement—perhaps, even, it was based on his own personal knowledge. We know some so-called editors who would readily advocate the cause of the devil for any position or measures he might desire, provided the old gentleman was the highest bidder. —Palatka News.

Those "inch" editors! Governor Broward has been criticised because of his utterance in the Jacksonville Sun that "we are afflicted with a sprinkling of editors who sell editorial at so much an inch, with sentiment thrown in." We have no doubt in the world of the correctness of the Governor's statement. In the first place he has recently had a large experience as a candidate. As such he came in contact with many newspaper men; he ought to know whereof he affirms and we have no idea that he deliberately lied about it. Again, into every honorable vocation, profession and society on earth, unworthy men seek and gain admission and we have no idea that the profession of journalism forms an exception to the rule. Why it is only the other day that the newspapers reported that a popular preacher in Georgia had run away with his neighbor's wife. The ministry, the churches, the masonic lodges, and in fact all noble institutions and professions have their proportion of unworthy members and doubtless many a worthless man has his name at the head of a newspaper column as "editor." We should feel sorry were it otherwise, because every article of genuine merit on earth is counterfeited. We have counterfeit gold, silver, pearl, diamonds and rubies. The discovery of a counterfeit proves the existence of the genuine. Hence the discovery of worthless, counterfeit editors only proves that there are many who are sterling gold. —Jasper News.

### Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing, which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1st, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. For sale by all druggists.

### Railroad Valuations in Volusia.

Casual thought would not begin to figure up the correct valuation of the railroad possessions or railroad property in Volusia county. These valuations reach figures that are enormous, and are hard to conceive unless one becomes familiar with them.

The railroads operating in Volusia county, which are the Florida East Coast and Atlantic Coast Lines, as shown by the books of Tax Assessor S. B. Wilson, own an aggregate valuation, including main and side tracks, rolling stock, equipments, depots, etc., of \$883,195. Upon this valuation the railroads pay a net tax of \$15,104.60 per annum, which is divided as follows: County, \$10,156.74; State, \$3,532.78; sub-school (county), \$1,415.08.

The total tax paid by the Florida East Coast Railway to the county and State amounts to \$9,732.97, and the Atlantic Coast Line, \$5,439.17. This does not include lands other than the right-of-way owned by the railroad companies; neither does it include the taxes paid to incorporated towns and cities.

The railroads are paying their share of taxes in Volusia county, as shown by the above statement, and no person has any just cause to object to their existence and their volume of business. —New Smyrna Breeze.

### Dying of Famine

is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, of Cearfoss, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor, in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me." Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at all drug stores. Price 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottles free.

Secretary Fred. W. Kettle and his wife spent the Christmas holidays at their St. Augustine home.

## THAT LAMAR WILLIAMS AFFAIR.

### How It Appears to Leading Newspapers of Other States.

Mr. Lamar came out of his encounter with John Sharpe Williams a crushed statesman. —Scranton Tribune.

Report that John Sharpe Williams has divided the minority grows from the fact that he cut a kicker out of the herd and hobbled him. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Mr. Lamar of Florida impresses us as something superfluous. He ought to subside. —Rochester Herald.

We hope that Lamar, Shackelford and Williams are not deceiving themselves into thinking that the people are applauding them instead of laughing at their vaudeville buffoonery. Mr. Williams, at least, was conscious of the fact that the three were justifying the choice of a donkey as symbol of that sort of democracy. —Columbia State.

Considering the Lamar-less condition of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, it is to weep. —Charleston News and Courier.

The time of the House was taken up principally yesterday by quarrelling democrats, who want to put Leader Williams into pickle. It was amusing; but the people pay for the circus. —Buffalo Commercial.

Two eminent Southern gentlemen were able to call each other hard names in the House of Representatives Wednesday without any implication of any bloodshed. When the gentleman from Florida charges the gentleman from Mississippi with being only "the image of a shriveled ape," and the gentleman from Mississippi intimates that the gentleman from Florida is a vain sorehead, and also a corpse that does not know enough to keep its mouth shut, and nothing whatever is doing in the line of pistols and coffee, it is plain that a great change has come over the sunny South. —New York Mail.

If the present Congress keeps on as it has begun it is not likely to get through a great deal of business before the end of the session. The House of Representatives has wasted hours of its working time this week over the grievances of a couple of Democratic representatives against the Democratic leader. Representatives Lamar, of Florida, and Shackelford, of Missouri, didn't get committee assignments they wanted. They attribute this, probably correctly, to the refusal of Representative Williams to recommend them to these appointments. They consider that representative Williams was a mighty mean about it. They have been giving the House of Representatives their opinion of Representative Williams most of the time this week. Meanwhile the public business has been seriously delayed. There is nothing in the squabble of the slightest national importance. There may be something of importance to the Democratic party. But the House of Representatives does not sit to attend to the business of the Democratic party. That is what the Democratic caucus is for. Why would it not be a good idea to charge representatives rent for the use of the hall of Congress for the airing of their personal grievances, besides docking their salaries for the time thus taken from their work? —New York Democrat and Chronicle.

Representative Lamar has made a serious charge against Representative Williams that calls for immediate explanation: "He's a dog, that's what he is," says Mr. Lamar. "I'll show him with his swelled head and his Heidelberg jokes, that he cannot charge me with something he cannot substantiate." No gentleman should ever make a charge that he cannot substantiate, and Representative Lamar should hasten to tell a curious world about this dreadful Heidelberg joke. What is it? Can it possibly be as bad as some of Chauncy Depew's jokes? If it is Mr. Lamar should be made to prove his horrible charge or apologize. —Nebraska Independent.

### Speaks for Itself.

It is not always the biggest papers that are the more closely read. For instance, The True Democrat, at Tallahassee, is not a blanket sheet, but every line in its columns is closely scrutinized. It always has something to say, and knows how to say it. —Ocala Banner.

### Remarkable Cure.

"I was much afflicted with sciatica," writes Ed. C. Nud, Iowa, Sedgwick county, Kan., "going about on crutches and suffering a great deal of pain. I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment, which relieved me. I used three 50c bottles. It is the greatest liniment I ever used; have recommended it to a number of persons; all express themselves as being benefited by it. I now walk without crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. For sale by all druggists.

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